

PROARCA II

USAID/G-CAP STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE

6:

**Improved Environmental Management
in the Mesoamerican Biological
Corridor**

CONCAUSA

October 12, 1994, in Managua the CA Heads of State signed ALIDES--a regional strategy and national commitments for development.

December 10, 1994, President Clinton and all seven CA Heads of State signed CONCAUSA “Declaración Conjunta Centroamerica-USA” at the Miami Summit of the Americas.

CONCAUSA is a Declaration of Political will and an Action Plan to jointly achieve the objectives of ALIDES.

CONCAUSA common themes: (1) Biodiversity Conservation, (2) Environmental Legislation, (3) Energy, and (4) Sustainable Economic Development.

CONCAUSA revised by US and CA on May 15, 2000 in Panama.

New 5-year CONCAUSA Action Plan ready to be signed, possibly in Quebec in April 2001 during the Summit of the Americas.

New CONCAUSA AP commitments in vulnerability and GCC.

PROARCA is USAID's vehicle for supporting CONCAUSA's environmental objective.

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Intermediate Result 1
Improved Protected
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Intermediate Result 2
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Intermediate Result 3
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Intermediate Result 4
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Intermediate Result 1
**Improved Protected
Area Management in
the MBC**

-Gulf of Honduras
-Gulf of Fonseca

- Effective alliances for protected area management
- Improved Financing for Protected Area Management
- Increase application of protected area management tools and practices

-Reserva de la Amistad
(Bocas del Toro and
Gandoca Manzanillo)
-Reserva de la Solidaridad
(La Mosquitia)

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Intermediate Result 2

**Expanded Market
Access for
Environmentally Sound
Products and Services**

- Expanded Availability of certified environmentally sound products and services
- Alliances for effective commercialization of certified products and services created

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Intermediate Result 3

**Harmonized
Environmental
Regulations**

- Harmonized environmental standards and regulations developed
- Greater capacity to apply environmental regulations
- Key international agreements effectively applied
- A regional harmonized system for environmental auditing, registration, and compliance certification developed

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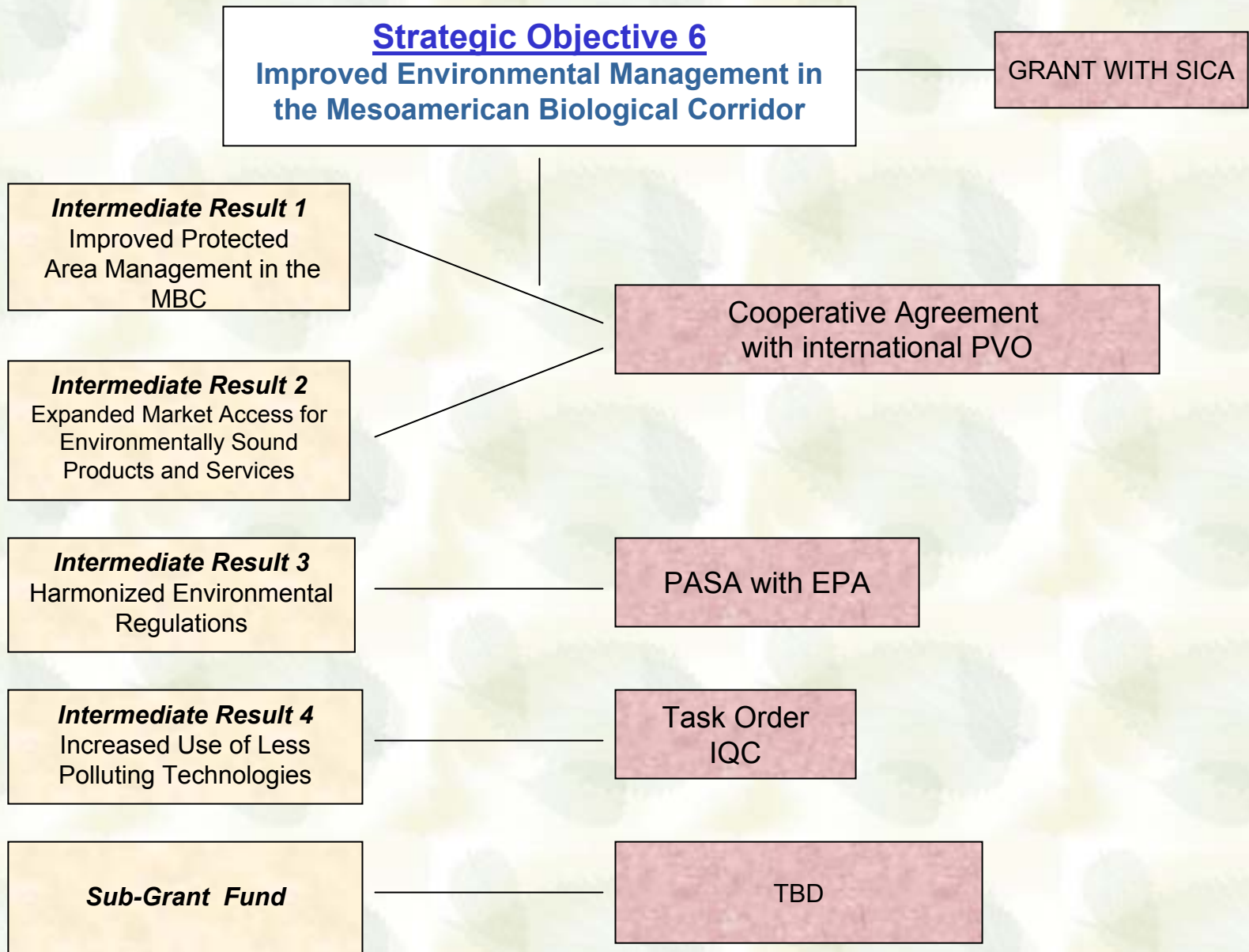
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Intermediate Result 4

**Increased Use of Less
Polluting Technologies**

- Municipalities adopt improved solid waste and wastewater management systems
- Private sector organizations implement environmental management systems

PROPOSED IMPLEMENTATION ARRANGEMENTS



Expected Achievements

- Leadership in promoting effective management of regional protected areas.
- Viable examples of sustainable financing models will be in place within the MBC.
- Central American governments are familiar with successful Protected Area financing models and have institutionalized allocations for protected areas in their budgets.
- Production and marketing to regional and foreign markets of certified goods and services originating in the MBC will have significantly increased.

Expected Achievements

- Central American governments enforcing environmental regulations and key international environmental agreements.
- Regional capacity exists to negotiate international and regional environmental agreements, to follow up application of agreements, and to resolve international conflicts related to these.
- A group of key municipalities will have developed policy guidelines and financial incentive mechanisms to secure self-financing and private sector investment in solid waste and wastewater management.
- A regional policy framework will be in place to promote recycling, re-use and appropriate disposal of industrial wastes, rewarding improved environmental management and penalizing noncompliance.

SO6 POLICY STEERING COMMITTEE

Members: CCAD Ministers, SICA/Secretary General and USAID/G-CAP Director

Principal Roles: Sets Overall strategy and policy parameters for achievement of SO results. Reviews and concurs in organizational membership of consultative working groups. Meets semi-annually to review broad lines of policy, and to advise of major initiatives.

SO6 OPERATING COMMITTEE

Members: SICA/DGMA/Director General and USAID/G-CAP SO Team Leader

Principal Roles: Oversight to assure SO results and overall coordination of activities . Meets monthly to review operations.

IR 1 Working Group

*Membership**

IR 2 Working Group

*Membership**

IR 3 Working Group

*Membership**

IR 4 Working Group

*Membership**

Principal Roles:

- Provide input to activity implementing organizations on proposed activities.
- Increase public-private sector information exchange.
- Review status of activities under the IR.
- Provide feedback on annual work plans of implementing partners.
- Periodic Meetings

*Membership will be determined by SICA/DGMA and USAID/G-CAP.

Performance Measures

Measures of performance to demonstrate progress during the life of the strategy are under development and will be further defined during the procurement process. Specific annual targets will be established in cooperation with implementing partners, which will be reviewed together with Working Groups as a part of review of partner work plans, and presented to the Steering Committee during annual performance reviews.